

## Sundry Secrets of the San Francisco Bay



**Speaker:** Jeff Smith

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, August 11th, 2005**

**Location:** Building 262, Room 100

**Description:** Where can you set foot on ancient Miwok Indian hunting grounds? Who was Tom Blackaller and why is there a permanent race marker near the Golden Gate Bridge named after him? Who skipped cannonballs across the Bay? Where is the best place to drop a lunch hook? Find out the answers by joining one of our Ames Sailing Club founders, Jeff Smith, as he shares these, and many other sundry secrets of our San Francisco Bay. Plus, bring your own secret to share—and **win a prize!**

**Speaker Background:** Jeff grew up in Cleveland Ohio and first fell in love with the water while spending summers motor boating with his family on Lake Erie. He learned to sail dinghies with his father at a young age and never forgot the thrill of a well-heeled Y-flyer charging to windward on Chippewa Lake near his home. In 1998, Jeff started sailing in earnest when he joined the Ames Sailing Club at its inception and sailed as crew on the San Francisco Bay with Greg Sherwood, the club founder, aboard his Catalina 34. Jeff went on to become the Ames Sailing Club Commodore (2002-2003) and has been an active member throughout its 8-year existence. Since 1999, Jeff has owned his own 34' Moody sloop, Iansa, which he lived aboard for a year, but now, enjoys on day sails and weekend cruises several times a month. Jeff enjoys racing and has crewed or skippered in both spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions aboard many boats for beer can races, on weekend race series, and for significant regattas such as the Double-Handed Faralons Race, the Jazz Cup and the Antigua Race week. Jeff enjoys chartering boats for cruising as much as sailing his own Iansa or crewing with friends; and, over the years, he has collected a few secrets of the Bay he'd like to share and compare with new sailors as well as the old salts.



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